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## Call 811 Before You Dig in Franklin County

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The Franklin County Commissioners wish to spread the word on how to dig safely to avoid accidents. The Pennsylvania One Call System, a utility service information center celebrating more than 44 years of continuous service to the Commonwealth, is key to preventing injuries and damage when excavating.

This unique service provides easy, one-call notification about construction and excavation projects which may endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines while promoting workplace and public safety, reducing underground utility damage, minimizing utility service interruptions and protecting the environment.

This vital service, which began with only six utility companies in western Pennsylvania and the City of Pittsburgh, now serves more than 100,000 excavators and 3,600 critical infrastructure owners throughout this Commonwealth.

Each year, the Pennsylvania One Call System receives more than 750,000 notification requests and transmits more than six million notifications, providing protection to utility companies, their employees and customers.

The Franklin County Commissioners want to encourage all excavators and homeowners of Franklin County to dial 8-1-1 or <u>1-800-242-1776</u> before digging in order to "Know What's Below." Additional information may be obtained by visiting <u>www.paonecall.org</u>.